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Summer Schedule

June

- 5-9 Family Camp
- 12-16 Missions Camp
- 19-23 Kids Kamp
- 26-30 Kids Kamp
- 26-30 Super Summer

July

- 3-7 Youth Camp
- 10-14 Youth Camp
- 17-21 Youth Camp
- 24-28 Kids Kamp

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Super Summer is a week-long Student Leadership conference that will be held at Cedarville University from June 26-30, 2017. It is for students going into 8th grade through those going into college. Super Summer is for students who are serious about their faith and serious about leading others to know and follow God. As a leadership event, Super Summer is not for everyone. Do not miss out on Super Summer. There is nothing like it!



SPEAKER: DAVID STARRY
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Church Honored Partnership with Samaritan's Purse

Calvary Baptist Church was recently honored for 15 years of partnership as a Drop-Off Location for Operation Christmas Child (OCC), a non-denominational ministry of Samaritan's Purse. Members of the OCC South Central Ohio Area Team were on hand for the celebration.

During the past 15 years, Calvary has received more than 19,000 filled shoebox gifts from churches, organizations, families, and individuals in Clinton County. Every year during the third week of November, Calvary Baptist Church opens its doors to Operation Christmas Child for National Collection Week. The foyer is transformed into a mini-processing center where the shoeboxes are counted, packed in cartons, and most importantly, prayed over with Operation Christmas Child volunteers. "Every church should participate in OCC", said Dennis Humphreys, Senior Pastor of Calvary. "Not only are you



(L-R) Linda King, Nancy Dennis, Pastor Dennis Humphreys, Debbie Hatten, Pastor Brandon Hall, Barbara Lanctot, Jack Hatten, Bess Hewitt, and Lynn Bush. (Photo provided by Toni Frederick)

providing children with a shoebox gift, you are providing them with the Gospel." Pastor Brandon Hall, Associate Pastor of Calvary, added, "OCC is one of the easiest ways to spread the Gospel to other nations. Not only does the shoebox impact that one person but it spreads beyond." "It's churches like Calvary that help make this project such a success by making it more convenient for participants to drop off their filled shoebox gifts locally. Thank you for spreading the good

news, great joy of Jesus Christ to children around the world through your simple shoebox gifts!" said Barbara Lanctot, Area Coordinator for the Operation Christmas Child South Central Ohio area team. Operation Christmas Child is a project of Samaritan's Purse, an international Christian relief and evangelism organization headed by Franklin Graham. The mission of Operation Christmas Child is to demonstrate God's love in a tangible way to children in need around the world, and

together with the local church worldwide, to share the Good News of Jesus Christ. Since 1993, Operation Christmas Child has collected and delivered more than 146 million gift-filled shoeboxes to children in more than 150 countries and territories. For many of these children, the gift-filled shoebox is the first gift they have ever received. In addition to the shoebox gift, the children receive "The Greatest Gift" booklet introducing them to Jesus Christ. They are also invited to attend "The Greatest Journey," a 12-lesson discipleship program. All of these materials are in the child's native language. For more information about Operation Christmas Child, you can go online to samaritans-purse.org or contact Barbara at 937-218-1964 to book an OCC presentation at your church or school.

Women's Spring Retreats

**Seneca Lake
Women's Spring Retreat**

May 19-20, 2017

**Seneca Lake Baptist Assembly
Focusing on Faith, Freedom,
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Spring Retreat**

**April 29 from 9-3
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**Cost is \$25
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What's in your toolbox?

By: Ashley Starry

Growing up as a youth pastor's kid, I watched many students attend Super Summer year after year. Being around them on a weekly basis, I knew that they loved Jesus. However, something was wildly infectious when they came home from this unique conference of Ohio's student leaders. Super Summer trains and equips students to fulfill Scripture's call on their lives to stand united with other believers and live out the gospel in their everyday lives ultimately fulfilling God's charge to all believers in Matthew 28:19 "Go therefore and make disciples of all nations baptizing in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit." Ultimately, I desired this mission to be a driving force in my life also.

In 2009, after finishing 7th grade, I walked into Super Summer as an impressionable Red Schooler, eagerly expecting God to show up and shape my life. I was radically changed by the introduction of a toolbox! No matter what school you first walk into, you are handed this life changing toolbox... this foundation of

thinking – about God and you and everyone else. Each year students are given more precious tools to fill their box, developing a deeper love for Christ and more effective ways to communicate the gospel in their Judea, Samaria, and the ends of the earth. Not to mention, they make life long bonds with peers from all over the state. Super Summer can become a never ending network of beautiful relationships that stretch across the globe. These friendships are so encouraging because they help us know that we are ultimately never standing alone. We are the church... a mighty army... with one mission... one Lord... and one goal. There are many Super Summer alumni that are boldly leaving their lives behind and grasping their toolbox as they surrender to the foreign mission field, while others are standing faithful in their own Judea and Samaria using their toolboxes to advance the gospel where they are. I have the extraordinary privilege to do both. In 2010, I went on my first mission trip to Seattle, Washington. In 2011, I embarked on my first foreign mission

trip to Nicaragua. In 2012 I journeyed to Haiti, and 2013 I had the incredible opportunity to partner with Finish Line Ministries International to share Christ in Malawi, Africa. After graduating high school, I teamed up with NAMB and served alongside a group of college students on a team called Invigorate. We had tremendous opportunities to share Christ on college campuses in several different states as well as other ministry opportunities. In 2016, I traveled with a small group of college students from First Baptist Church of Vandalia to bring the light of the gospel to Southeast Asia. One of the biggest lessons God taught me on one of my mission trips was that I needed to be as burdened about the lost people who live around me as I do for those on the other side of the world. While I was in cosmetology school I found one of my greatest mission fields. I knew that God led me there to be salt and light to those who did not yet know Him.

I truly believe that Super Summer gave me a wonder-



ful gift. There, I learned what a Biblical worldview is. I learned how to serve others and be others centered instead of self-centered. I learned to look for opportunities to love others and share the greatest gift that anyone could ever receive. I was given tools in my toolbox so I didn't have to go to the mission field (at home or abroad) unprepared.

This summer I get the privilege to return to Super Summer as a FLC (family leader coordinator) for the incoming 2017 Red Schoolers. It's amazing to think of all the wonderful things God has done for me, and I am so excited to get to share with these students about what a great God we serve and how meaningful it is to pour out our lives for His glory.



VBSI 2017

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL INSTITUTE

Searching the Visible - Discovering the Invisible

By: Dwayne Lee

Hello Galactic Starveyors! It's that time of year again...time to begin preparing for Vacation Bible School (VBS)! This year's theme is "Galactic Starveyors." Our motto is "Searching the Visible - Discovering the Invisible," which is based off our theme verse Colossians 1:15-16.

"He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn over all creation. For everything was created by Him, in heaven and on earth, the visible and the invisible, whether thrones

or dominions or rulers, or authorities - all things have been created through Him and for Him."

This year's Vacation Bible School Institute (VBSI) was held on Saturday, March 4th, at Violet Baptist Church in Pickerington, Ohio. Over 300 attendees, including staff and children's choir, were immersed in searching the visible and discovering the invisible. The atmosphere was filled with excitement and fun as core curriculum was presented, tips and techniques



were shared, the theme music and movements were taught, crafts, decorations, snacks, recreation...and so much more was delivered by your Ohio VBS Team. Topping it off, the on-site LifeWay Bookstore made viewing the material and purchasing on-the-spot ideal. What a fun and exciting day of learning and fellowship!

If you were unable to attend VBSI, please consider attending one of the two VBS Clinics that will take place in April. For more information about

these clinics visit our website at SCBO.org/VBS.

The Bible Teaching and Leadership Resource Group are always available to assist you with any of your VBS needs. We want to help you make your VBS a success. Don't hesitate to contact our office at (614) 601-6826 and ask for Wendy.

Summer will be here before we know it. Don't wait to begin planning your VBS. Be ready to search the visible and discover the invisible with your community.

UPCOMING VBS CLINICS

SATURDAY, APRIL 1, 2017

9AM-12PM

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7PM-9PM

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Ready for VBS?...#PrayOhio! 10 Ways to Pray for VBS!

By: Steve Hopkins

Ready for VBS?...#PrayOhio!
10 Ways to Pray for VBS!
VBS remains the single most effective evangelistic tool we have. Every year boys and girls, students and adults are introduced to Jesus in churches, backyards, and playgrounds all over Ohio. This year's Galactic Starveyors explores the relationship we have with the Father through Jesus Christ. Taking the theme from Colossians 1:15-16, the gospel is clearly presented in each day's Bible study. Jesus is the hero of VBS this year (as He is every year!).

In family rooms, garages, church basements, and anywhere else we can find room, VBSers are building sets and collecting decorations in preparation. Lots of time, energy, and money is dedicated to creating just the right look for auditorium and classrooms, backyards and playgrounds to help communicate the gospel. We'll participate in community parades, block parties, and festivals to invite everyone to an exciting week. Enlistment strategies are already well underway in those churches that take VBS seriously, getting everyone involved. All good:

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John 3:16

investment in the gospel reaps huge rewards.

How much time and energy will your church spend strategically praying for VBS? Sharing the gospel is a battle. We are reminded, "our struggle is not against flesh and blood" and "the weapons of our warfare are not of the flesh." (Ephesians 6:11; 2 Corinthians 10:4) The enemy is "prowling around like a roaring lion, looking for anyone he can devour." (1 Peter 5:8) Here's the challenge: match the efforts spent in preparing and promoting VBS with praying for VBS. **Here are some ideas for your VBS prayer strategy.**

1. Prayer walking

LifeWay has provided an excellent prayerwalking guide (Prayerwalk Brochure available on the Administrative Guide CD). Prayerwalk your community, praying on-site for insight. Prayerwalk your auditorium and classrooms before the battle begins.

2. Enlist a prayer team

You have folks in your church that for a multitude of reasons cannot be directly involved in VBS, but they can pray. Perhaps a Sunday School class or small group would take the challenge to pray. Make sure they have a list of workers and other prayer concerns. And don't forget to share the results with them!

3. Around-the-clock praying

24 hours before the launch of VBS recruit prayer warriors to lift to the Father every aspect of VBS.

4. Prayer chains

Existing prayer chains need to be alerted to VBS prayer concerns and updated as new concerns surface.

5. On-site real-time praying

Enlist prayer warriors to be in the prayer room of your church during VBS. Give them an outline of the gospel presentation for that night so they can pray specifically. A list of workers, and even students, if available, will allow them to pray by name for each person on campus or in backyards around your community.

6. 40 days of prayer and fasting

Challenge the church to spend time in prayer and fasting during the 40 (or 30... 10... 7... 3- whatever works) days before VBS. (Galactic Starveyors Prayer Calendar available on the Administrative Guide CD)

7. Prayer/Commissioning Service

The Sunday before VBS have all those who will be working in VBS stand. Ask others to gather around them, lay hands on them, and pray. Have each worker prepared with 3-5 specific prayer requests on 3x5 cards they can share with those who would commit to pray for them.



8. Use social media

Encourage prayer for VBS on Facebook, Instagram, Twitter, etc. Make the request specific (only use names when you have permission) so people can pray specifically. Share answered prayer. (Again, with great caution on using names)

9. Church communications

Bulletins, newsletters, email blasts, telephone trees, every means of communication needs a reminder to pray for VBS. LifeWay has a prayer reminder card (Prayer Cards available on the Administrative Guide CD) you can print and distribute.

10. Lead a study on prayer for VBS

You can find an outline titled The Early Church teaches us to us to pray for VBS based on a look at prayer from Acts. It could be used as a sermon starter, Wednesday evening study, small group discussion guide, or wherever you have an opportunity to encourage and equip the church to engage in prayer for VBS.

What ideas would you add to the list?

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June 23 to 25, 2017

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Liberty Township, OH 45044

For more Information and
Registration contact
Beth Tanner at OBCDinfo@gmail.com

If you have a Deaf Church, Bible Study Class, or Interpreted Ministry to the Deaf, we would like to add your Church's ministry to our database.

Please send information & contact person to Sam Kelley,
Missions Support & Mobilization Team
9000 Antares Avenue
Columbus, OH 43240
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OBCD is looking for qualified Sign Language Interpreters to facilitate communication at state wide SCBO events.

If you are an ASL Interpreter (certification is not needed) please send a short video or a video link of you interpreting a short program with your contact information to:

Beth Tanner
215 West Kemper Road
Cincinnati OH 45246
or ehtanner@fuse.net (subject: OBCD)



Mark Your Calendars!

Church Planters

Forum

May 4 & 5, 2017



The Forum is a time for Ohio church planters and wives who are within the first four years of their plant to fellowship with and learn from each other. There is no charge to planters for this event; food and lodging will be paid for with Cooperative Program funds. Associational Missionaries and Church Planter Catalysts are also invited.

We will begin at 10:00 AM on Thursday, May 4th at Dublin Baptist Church, 7195 Coffman Road, Dublin and conclude early afternoon Friday, the 5th. Lodging will be provided at an area hotel.

We are happy to offer an extra night's lodging (Friday, the 5th) to planters and wives who want to extend this little getaway.

**For more information or to register,
contact Charlotte Barbo at cbarbo@scbo.org by April 15, 2017.**

State Bible Drill Competition

STATE BIBLE DRILL COMPETITION

Location:
Reynoldsburg Baptist Church
887 Rosehill Rd
Reynoldsburg, Ohio 43068

Date & Time:
May 6th, 2017
9:30am-12:30pm
Please arrive at 9am
for registration.

State Student Speakers Competition

May 6 and the State Bible Drills at Reynoldsburg Baptist Church will be here before we know it! Churches across the state are training their children, youth and high school students to learn God's Word and how to find verses quickly in the Bible.

Children who score 16 (of 24) in their associational drills are eligible for state. Youth who score 210 (of 300) and high schoolers who score 235 (of 300) will be competing at state for cash prizes and the opportunity to represent Ohio at the National Bible Drill in Brunswick GA June 16.

All are welcome to attend the drills, beginning at 9:30AM, May 6.

Church and Associational Drills will be available by April 1 and are provided upon request. Leaders are not required to use these drills. They are offered as a convenience to leaders only.

Leaders, please send your participant information by Friday, April 28 and refer any questions to Kimberly Jackson Kubik (kjax@voyager.net).

2017 Ohio Disaster Relief Training Sessions

State Convention of Baptist in Ohio—9000 Antares Avenue, Columbus, Ohio 43240
Jack Kwok, Ph. D. Executive Director—Treasurer—A COOPERATIVE PROGRAM MINISTRY



Food Service, Child Care, Chain Saw, Shower Trailer, and Mud-Out Training. You must be 21 to train for Child Care and 18 for all other areas.

We will collect required information, during the training session, to perform a background check.

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**Questions?
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May 19—20

**Trinity Baptist Church
891 State Route 511
Ashland, Ohio 44805**

November 17—18

**First Baptist Church
525 South 30th Street
Heath, Ohio 43056**

Friday

**6:00 PM
6:30 - 9:30 PM**

**Registration
“Involving Southern Baptists in Disaster Relief”**

Saturday

**7:15 AM
8:00 AM
12:00 PM
12:30 PM
3:00 PM**

**Continental Breakfast Served
Unit Training
Lunch Provided by DR Food Service
Evangelism Training
Dismissed**

**PRE-
REGISTRATION IS
REQUIRED FOR
ALL TRAINING.**

You are welcome to bring your bed roll and sleep in the church at any training session. Meals are provided. The cost is \$35 per person or \$50 per couple (sharing a training manual).

Blessed Hope

By: Paula Titus, Teacher, Allison Avenue Baptist Church

In the adult special needs class at Allison Avenue Baptist Church, which is co-taught by two teachers, we do not shy away from typical lesson plans. We teach everything from the fall of man to the mysteries of Revelation. Of course there is much stopping and starting, assistance with finding Bible passages, pausing to define words, and redirecting conversations. It's far better to push the limits of what we assume these students can understand than to fail to offer them as much biblical knowledge as their minds can possibly grasp. And as it should be with any good Bible study, we strive to apply the lesson to the lives we lead outside of the classroom. It's important to know what our students face in their daily lives when they have mental handicaps. For most of these students, the daily task of just surviving is more than any of us will ever know. If they are fortunate enough to be able to work a job, or drive a car, or have relationships, it's usually the most menial of jobs and the most decayed of cars. Often they spend most of their time alone so by the time they get to church they are craving human interaction and will appreciate the simple things we take for granted; hugs, handshakes, smiles, and encouragement.

Our teaching style is similar to that of teaching children but there are some important differences.

First, we should remember these people are God's image bearers equal in dignity, brothers and sisters adopted

into God's family by grace through faith in Jesus Christ. Second, we should remember these people are adults, and they are keenly aware that they are adults. Many will take offense if they feel like they are being treated childishly. All of the students in our class would much rather be challenged to memorize a Bible verse or discover the definition of a new word than to be handed



a crayon and told to color a picture of Jesus. Sure, sometimes we do color, play games, have craft time and celebrate birthdays, but they are reserved for special occasions. Third, for some of these people, if they are treated like children they will behave like children and when they are treated like adults it often infuses a sense of confidence so they believe they actually can rise to the task at hand.

One of the most extraordinary things about the Bible is that its contents is deep and wide enough that the greatest scholar can never reach an end to discovering new and unfathomable truths about our triune God. Yet

the foundational principles are easy enough for a child to understand. Somewhere in the middle is where the Bible teacher of adults with mental handicaps must find their place. Since, unlike most classes, there is no grouping by age (other than "adult"), sex, or any other variable, it's imperative the teachers get to know each student and what he is capable of understanding. On the other hand, it's important to remember what these people learn on one Sunday may very well be unlearned by the next. Since special



needs adults are often unable to retain information, repetition and more repetition are key in the learning process. It's common to have a wide gamut of intelligence levels in this type of class, possibly ranging from first grade levels through middle school levels, so it's important to keep the more advanced students challenged without leaving the lesser behind, or feeling embarrassed by not seeming as "smart." One way we do this is by asking a lot of questions. More difficult questions for the more advanced learner

and easier for the less.

To give our students a common goal and reinforce the fact that everyone can make a difference for the Kingdom of God, we collect money to buy Bibles that in turn get sent to persecuted countries all over the world. Our students bring in whatever they can, usually less than a dollar at a time. Every time we accumulate fifty dollars, the Bibles are sent! We rejoice together that people who are hungering for God's Word are being fed. Sometimes it takes 6 months or longer to gather the fifty dollars, but the point is not how quickly we do it, but that we are doing it together, that we share in an important ministry together, and lives are being changed because of our obedience.

I would encourage anyone who is thinking about beginning an adult special needs discipleship class to consider what the Bible says over and over about the poor, the vulnerable, and the bereft. These people embody everything that our culture says is unworthy and unattractive, yet they are the very people our Lord says we ought to be pursuing, loving, and serving. I pray these types of ministries would spring up all across our land as we recognize these are our brothers and sisters in Christ, made in the image of God, and as valuable to Him as anyone. We have named our class "Blessed Hope." Let us remember the forgotten of our society by bringing them the only true Hope any of us have, in the promises and person of Jesus Christ.

EASTER: Three commands from an empty tomb



By Steve Gaines
 EDITOR'S NOTE: Steve Gaines is president of the Southern Baptist Convention and pastor of the Memphis-area Bellevue Baptist Church.

MEMPHIS, Tenn. (BP) -- "The angel said to the women, 'Do not be afraid; for I know that you are looking for Jesus who has been crucified. He is not here, for He has risen, just as He said. Come, see the place where He was lying. Go quickly and tell His disciples that He has risen from the dead; and behold, He is going ahead of you into Galilee, there you will see Him; behold, I have told you'" (Matthew 28:5-7 NASB).

Springtime is here. Dogwoods and daffodils bloom as winter retreats and warmer days are welcomed.

Across America, churches will soon be packed on Easter Sunday. Why?

Easter is about forgiveness and hope through a sacred death and an empty tomb. Easter is about the grimness of the grave being overcome. It is about Jesus Christ rising bodily, victoriously and eternally from the grave. Behold our resurrected Lord triumphantly displaying the keys to death, hell and the grave in His nail-scarred hands! No wonder Easter is the annual apex for all Christians. No other religion dares to make such claims. Muslims

readily admit that Muhammad is dead. Buddha and Confucius are also in the grave, as is Joseph Smith. But after Jesus died, He rose from the grave, never to die again.

The women who followed Jesus to Jerusalem from Galilee had gone to the tomb to properly anoint their Lord for burial. There they found an angel who gave them three significant commands:

THE FIRST COMMAND WAS "DO NOT BE AFRAID" (V.5)

Those women came to the tomb wondering how they would remove the stone so they could anoint Jesus' body (cf. Mark 16:1). But when they arrived, an angel had already rolled the stone away (cf. Matthew 28:2). Jesus was not there -- He had risen! And because He had risen, there would never again be a valid reason for fear. As Bill Gaither's song says, "Because He lives, all fear is gone."

THE ANGEL'S SECOND COMMAND WAS "COME, SEE" (V.6)

There was nothing to hide. Jesus' body had not been stolen. This was no gimmick or fabrication, as the Jewish religious leaders in Jerusalem slyly suggested (cf. Matthew 28:11f). Jesus was really alive. The angel rolled the stone away, not to allow Jesus to leave the grave, but to let the women and everyone else to look in! Jesus' burial proved His actual death. His empty tomb proved His actual resurrection. Now everyone could "come, see" for themselves.

THE THIRD COMMAND WAS, "GO QUICKLY AND

TELL" (V.7)

The good news of Jesus' resurrection demanded sharing. The angel's words at this point were similar to those spoken by Jesus after His resurrection and prior to His ascension: "Go into all the world and preach the gospel to all creation" (Mark 16:15 NASB). Jesus had risen from the grave and His disciples were commissioned to take that good news to the ends of the earth.

As they proclaimed the gospel message, people repented of their sins, believed that Jesus died and rose for their salvation, and received Jesus as Lord and Savior by calling on His name in humble prayer. The book of Acts describes how those early disciples boldly shared the gospel from Jerusalem to Rome in just three decades. They could not stop speaking of what they had "seen and heard" (cf. Acts 4:20). Today we who follow Jesus must continue to tell the world the saving message of His death, burial and resurrec-

tion (cf. 1 Corinthians 15:3-4).

No religion in the world claims anything like Jesus' empty tomb. His vicarious death and victorious resurrection are what make the good news "good."

The angel's three commands echo through the centuries, calling out to us this Easter season. By faith, with spirit-ears, we still hear His commands:

"Jesus is alive! Do not be afraid!"

"Jesus is alive! Come, see!"

"Jesus is alive! Go quickly and tell!"

Southern Baptists, that is the message of Easter! That is what we must share with our lost neighbors. We must tell everyone that there is hope, healing and forgiveness for anyone who comes to Christ in repentance and faith, and that salvation comes from the bloody cross and empty tomb of Jesus.

Do not be afraid. Come and see. Go quickly and tell. Have a glorious Easter!



Buckeye Baptist Builders 2017 Schedule

May 1-5, 2017
Seneca Lake Baptist Assembly
Senecaville, Ohio
Project: Prepare camp for Summer
Contact: Ray Morris 513-593-5130



May 11-13, 2017
Crossway Church
Eaton, Ohio
Project: Pitched roof over flat roof and building a connector section
Contact: Dale Patterson 614-882-1375 or 614-352-0884



June 9-16, 2017
Indian Lake Baptist Church
Lakeview, Ohio
Project: New Build
Contact: Dale Patterson 614-882-1375 or 614-352-0884



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Send resume' to:
First Baptist Church of Bright
1920 North Dearborn Road
West Harrison, Indiana 47060
Att: Gregg Ketterer



April 9, 2017 Cooperative Program Day

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Churches send a percentage for the Cooperative Program to their states (goal of 7–15% or more)

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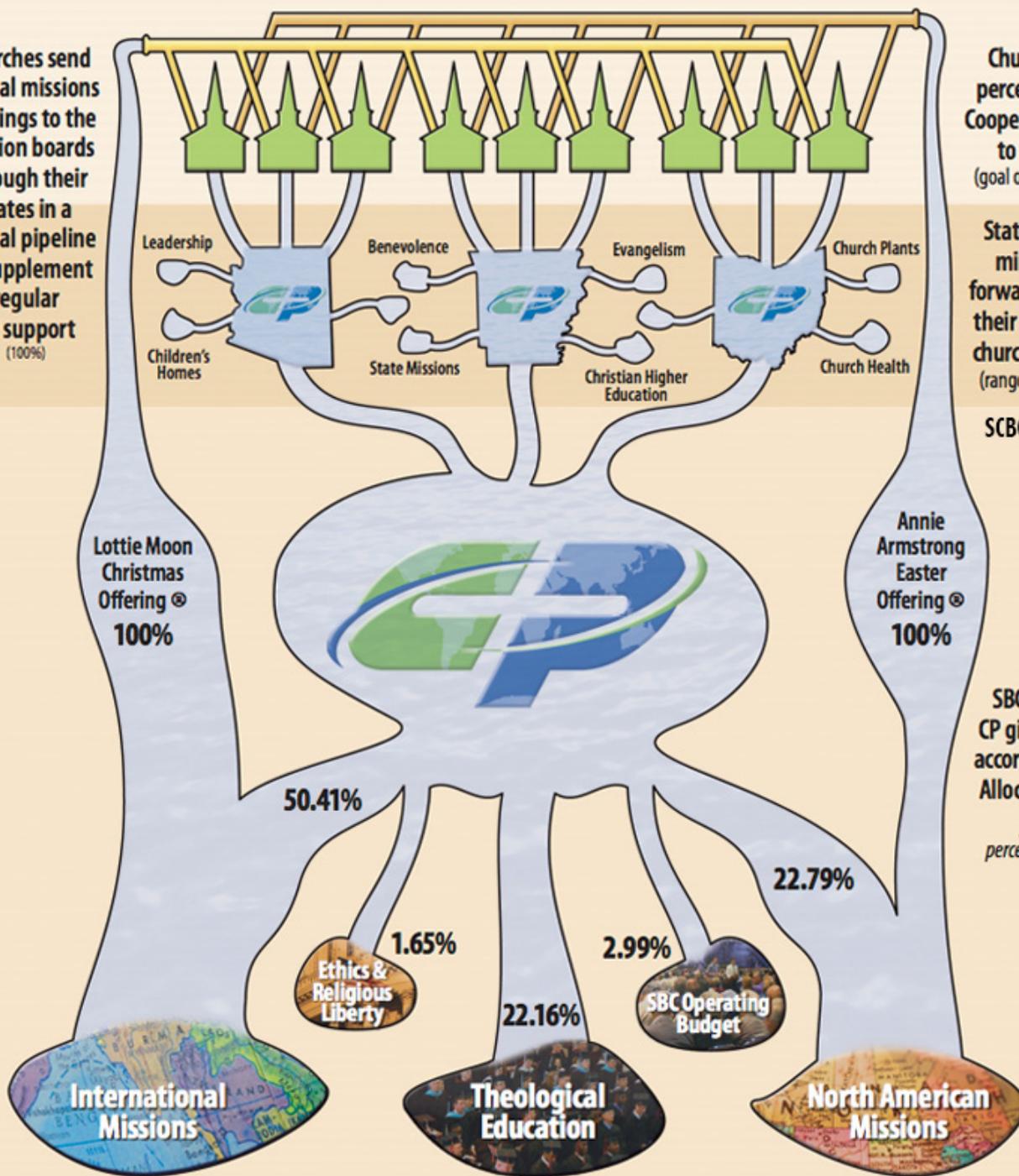
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PRESS TOWARD THE MARK

Hallelujah! Glory to God, He is risen. Every Sunday and Easter Season, Christians celebrate the glorious resurrection of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. Even a lost and increasingly hostile world has encountered this annual reminder that Jesus rose from the grave. He arose to demonstrate that his death on the cross paid the full penalty for humanity's sin. He arose to herald the news that sin and death have been conquered. Because of His resurrection, the Bible declares that forgiveness of sin and deliverance from the penalty of sin are to be found in Jesus Christ and Him alone. Hallelujah, this is Good News. Glory to God, this is Great News!

Southern Baptists cooperate to tell this Good News to everyone. Through our Cooperative Mission Program, we are supporting over

8,000 missionaries all over the world. Along with our own personal witness and the ministry of these missionaries, Southern Baptists are obeying His Great Commission to take the Gospel, the Good News to every person in the world.

Over 16 million members in more than 46,000 churches in all the states and territories of the United States and the all the provinces of Canada cooperate through 1,139 associations, 42 state conventions, and the Southern Baptist Convention to do far more together than any one person or church could do by itself. We fund this worldwide mission enterprise through our Cooperative Mission Program. Since 1925, Southern Baptists have found the Cooperative Mission Program to be the most efficient and equitable means of supporting a very effective worldwide mission-

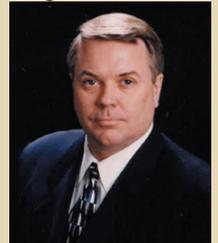
ary enterprise.

Many Southern Baptist churches will celebrate Cooperative Mission Program Day April 9. Hopefully, your church will be among those who do. Resources are available to help with such a celebration as well as ongoing education and support for the Cooperative Mission Program. You may access them through the www.sbc.net/cp/resources website of the Southern Baptist Convention.

The annual meetings of the State Convention of Baptists in Ohio and the Southern Baptist Convention are excellent resources for learning about our Southern Baptist Cooperative Mission Program. This year, Phoenix, Arizona will host the Southern Baptist Convention June 13-14. The Woman's Missionary Union meeting and the Pastor's Conference

precede the convention meeting at the same location June 11-12. Later in the year, the State Convention of Baptists in Ohio will hold its annual meeting November 7-8 at the Chillicothe Baptist Church in Chillicothe, Ohio.

Everyone should hear this Good News: "... that Christ died for our sins according to the scriptures, that He was buried, that He was raised on the third day according to the Scriptures...". This is the Gospel; and this is why Ohio Southern Baptists support Southern Baptist missions from Ohio to the ends of the earth through the Cooperative Mission Program. Let's Press toward that Mark.



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How to Become a Christian

If you are not a Christian, have never surrendered your will to the Lord Jesus, let me share briefly how you can make this life changing decision. **GOD WANTS YOU SAVED.**

FIRST, you must believe that God loves you and wants you to have peace in your heart and an everlasting life (John 3:16).

SECOND, you must recognize that you are a sinner, that you have done things which have displeased God and that you have separated yourself from Him (Romans 3:23; 6:23).

THIRD, you must believe that Jesus came to this earth, was actually God in the flesh, lived a perfect life, and yet went to a cruel cross, dying for your sins, paying once and for all the penalty of sin (I Peter 2:24). However, it's

not enough just to know these three things. Many of us knew them for years before we ever gave Jesus our lives.

FOURTH, you must personally ask Jesus to come into your life and forgive you of your sins (Revelation 3:20).

You can pray this prayer now and if you mean it with all of your heart, Jesus will come in just like He said. He cannot lie.

Dear Lord Jesus, I know that I am a sinner. I'm really sorry for my sins, Lord. I ask you now, Lord Jesus, to come into my heart, forgive me of my sins, take control of my life, and make me the kind of person You want me to be. I now receive You into my heart. Thank You for coming in. I will follow You all the days of my life. In Your name I pray, Amen.

How to submit Church News

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